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TWO MEN CHARGED FOR VANDALISM IN SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK

Tucson, AZ – Two men, identified as Beau Campbell and Colton Salazar, have been charged with violations of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations in response to vandalism which occurred on May 23. Both Campbell and Salazar will be issued dates of mandatory appearance in Federal Court. Saguaro National Park is requesting the cost of restoring the damaged resources as restitution.

One saguaro, two barrel cacti and one palo verde tree were severely damaged at approximately 11:40pm, on May 23 along the Douglas Springs Trail in Saguaro National Park's Rincon Mountain District (east). These two individuals do not appear to be involved in an earlier vandalism incident in the same area of the park on May 11, which remains under investigation.

In response to the earlier vandalism case, rangers placed motion sensing cameras in the area and captured images of the two men. In an attempt to identify and locate the two individuals, images were released to the public on May 27. Both men in the photographs independently contacted NPS law enforcement, identified themselves, and are cooperating fully with investigators.

"We are immensely grateful for the public's assistance in helping to protect Tucson's backyard national park," according to Chief Ranger Paul Austin. "We take our responsibility to protect the resources placed in our care seriously."

The Park continues to request the public's help in regards to the May 11 vandalism incident. Please call 520 733 5150 with any information. This information will be confidential and caller's identities can remain anonymous.

Chief Ranger Austin added a reminder that, "individuals charged in an offense are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law."

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